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Gov. Lewis signs agreement with U.S. Fish & Wildlife

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The Gila River Indian Community and the Southwest Region branch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service solidified their bond when both parties recently signed a Statement of Relationship (SOR).

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, Regional Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southwest Region signed the SOR on Jan. 5, formalizing the working relationship between GRIC and the Service to promote their mutual goals of conservation and land, wildlife management.

"The Community has always placed a high value on our culture and spirituality. We are tied to the land and the animals through our cultural stories," said Gov. Lewis.

The statement of relationship is regarded as a continuation of the good relationship the Community has established with the federal government over critical issues like wildlife management.

"The goal is taking ownership of our resources, which means being proactive in managing our land and the species of animals that reside here," said Gov. Lewis.

"The Department of Interior has a trust responsibility, but it



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Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis signs the Statement of Relationship between the Gila River Indian Community and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with Southwest Regional Director Dr. Benjamin Tuggle. Back row, from left: District 4 Council Representative Jennifer Allison, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Barnaby Lewis.

goes beyond that. The Gila River Indian Community is very much a partner with the USFWS as it relates to wildlife," said Dr. Tuggle.

More importantly, he said it gives the Community a voice in how it manages wildlife and natural resources found on tribal lands.

Ondrea Barber, Director of the GRIC Department of Environmental Quality, said the SOR

is important to establish a mutual understanding of the responsibilities involved in managing wildlife.

Part of the agreement allows the Community to access the USFWS's technical expertise on plant conservation, wildlife, fish and natural habitats native to the area.

"We are looking forward to a lot more hands-on work and in-the-field management," said

Barber.

The agreement also identifies spiritual and cultural significance tied to the natural resources and wildlife located on Community lands.

Gov. Lewis views the Community's partnership with the USFWS as an effective way to keep a positive relationship with the federal government while exercising tribal sovereignty.

Marlin Dixon takes seat on Council



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

Marlin Dixon takes the oath of office prior to taking his seat as the new District 5 Community Council Representative.

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After 15 years as an officer with the Gila River Police Department, leaving the force wasn't easy.

"I really enjoyed what I was doing," said Marlin Dixon, the newly elected District 5 Council Representative, who was sworn in on Jan. 6.

Dixon has been a positive reflection of the character of his community for years, but now that he's officially on the Community Council, he looks forward to the challenge of representing his

people full-time.

As a police Ranger he became more assertive and more confident. He learned how to deal with difficult people and difficult situations. Most of all he learned to listen.

"The main thing is learning to listen to the people," he said. "Listen...to better help them or find ways to help them."

Dixon enjoys helping others, but he didn't seek out the title of Councilman for himself. He was nominated for the position by an elder who had observed his development. Dixon was surprised by the nomination and said it made

him realize how much people are paying attention to the work he does in the Community.

Dixon and his wife have three children of their own, and are raising two more that they call son and daughter.

"My son is 17, my daughter is 16 and my daughter who's in 8th grade is my youngest biological."

They have also been raising a now 5-year-old boy, a cousin's son, since he was 7 months old, and recently inherited temporary guardianship of another relative's 2-year-old girl. To top it off, their older children always have friends coming over after school and on weekends. "We always have a house full of kids," he said, smiling.

That house is a few miles west of St. Peter Indian Mission School, where his children attended middle school and where, for several years, he was an active member of the Parent Board and School Board.

Dixon advocates strongly for education. As a Council member he hopes to contribute to the advancement of education in the Community.

"I try to encourage the kids that come to the house. 'Do more,' I say. 'There's another world out

there so be prepared for it. Learn." He wants people to know there are a lot of opportunities to further one's self.

After high school, Dixon attended vocational school and became a mechanic. He worked as one for a while, but returned to Gila River to help his family in a tough time. He then got a job as a security guard at Sacaton Middle School, where he worked for 14 years before becoming an officer with the GRPD.

Now, at the age of 50, Dixon is trading in his boots, badge and Ranger's Raptor truck for a desk job.

Many of the elders in District 5 will remember Marlin's father, the late Rodney Dixon, who served on the Council for nearly 30 years, throughout most of Marlin's childhood and teenage years.

The younger Dixon speaks proudly of his father's time on Council: "They're the ones that brought in the casino, telecommunications, and the police department."

He said, "I'm not trying to fill my dad's shoes...I couldn't do that." But he approaches his new role with humility and an open mind.

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Fourth and Last Memorial Daniel D. Amavisca



"Danny Boy"
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To My Beloved Son:
It's been four years since you've gone back to your Creator, it seems like yesterday how much you are missed and loved from the day you were born we hold those memories of you.

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Of the day that you went away
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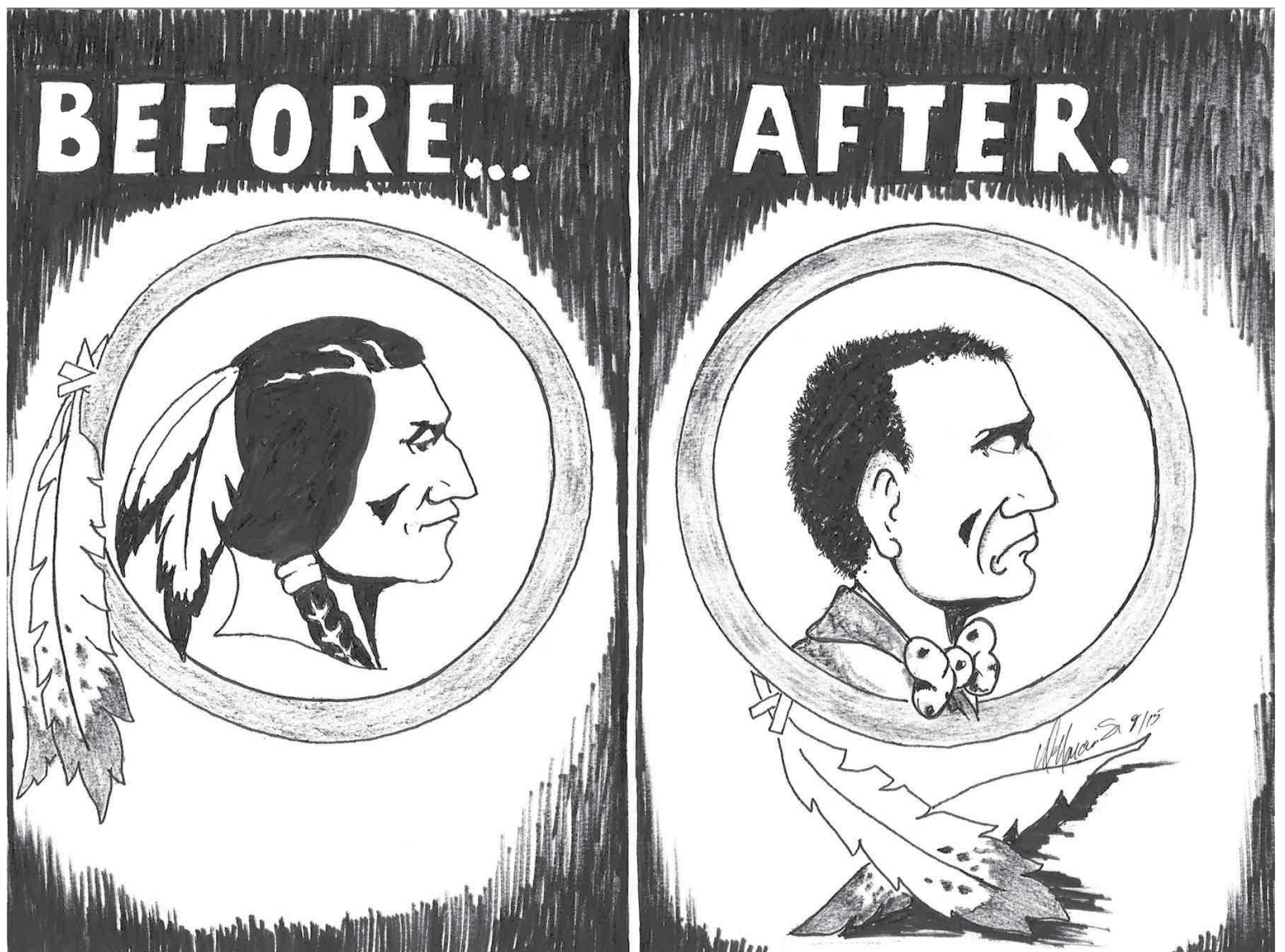
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Here are some regular updates on the on-going issues pertaining to the Gila River Indian Community.

GRPD says farewell to two officers



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Marlin Dixon (left) accepts a plaque from GRPD Chief Kathleen Elliot.

Christopher Lomahquahu on Dec. 1.

After years of service in law enforcement, two of the Gila River Police Department's longest serving Tribal Rangers received a fitting farewell.

GRPD Tribal Rangers Heriberto Meza and Marlin Dixon along with friends, family gathered at the District 3 Head Start building on Dec. 30 to reflect on their 15 years of service for the Community.

Officer Dixon's retirement comes on the heels of a District 5 special election where he was elected as the new council representative

Meza's career in law enforcement spans 25 years with 10 of them served with the Eloy Police Department before joining GRPD.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis lauded Dixon and Meza's high level of dedication to police work. "You put yourselves out there on the line to protect our Community, including sacrificing time away from your families," he said.

Outside of the job Dixon was involved with the parent organization at the St. Peter Indian Mission School in District 5.

Sergeant Sheldon



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Heriberto Meza (left) poses with an award presented by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Johns, a Tribal Ranger, shared his thoughts of Meza and Dixon at the retirement party. "Eddie is hard working individual that kept everyone entertained. And for Dixon, he's a good dependable person that could take care of the [guys] when they need anything. Both of them have done a lot for our department and the Community," said Johns.

District 5 Council Representative Frank Pablo, a former Tribal Ranger, said Meza had a lot of foresight in seeing the bigger picture.

"[He] spoke of things he saw in the line of duty that he could improve upon, for a better and safer

Community." Dixon said the transition from being a public servant of the law to public office are not dissimilar, but a continuation of service for the Community.

In looking back at his career in law enforcement he said, "Every day was new and presented a different set of challenges, but you make adjustments in order to do effective police work."

"I'm going to miss the Community, but it has taught me a lot," said Meza. "Learning about the pride and cultural awareness of the people made the job rewarding."

Community Events

District 5 Dodgeball Co-ed Tournament – Vah Ki Multipurpose Building Gymnasium Saturday January 23, 2016 Contact: 520-315-3441 or ariel.moristo@gric.nsn.us
Mail Hall room Contact: 520-418-3661
District 1 Basketball tournament January 29-30, 2016 Deadline is 1/27 at 5 pm Contact: 520-215-2110

District 4 Seniors Trip 15th Annual Women & Men's Wellness Conference sign-up Deadline is January 28, 2016 Contact: 520-418-3661
District 6 Movie Trip January 28, 2016, Departs at 4:00 pm, movie starts at 5:30 pm Currently taking sign-ups Contact: 520-550-3805

District 3 South Housing Neighborhood Clean Up January 29, 2016 Contact 520-562-3904 or 520-610-1349
District 4 Community Bingo January 20, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Contact: 520-418-3662

District 4 Family Movie Night January 22, 2016

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*Schedule may be subject to change.

	Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20	Thursday 1/21	Friday 1/22	Saturday 1/23
12:00pm	Creative Native <i>Cree Eye for the White Guy</i>	Creative Native <i>The Navajo</i>	Creative Native <i>The Survivors</i>	Creative Native <i>Distribution of Wealth</i>	Creative Native <i>Symbolism</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	Creative Native <i>The Navajo</i>
12:30pm	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk
1:00pm	Native Planet <i>Canada</i>	Beyond Recognition	We Are The Indians <i>For centuries, their ancient spirituality and timeless way of life has shielded them.</i>	Greetings from the Colony <i>A 1920s engagement between a Rwandan woman and a Belgian white colonial bears</i>	Video Letters From Prison <i>A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.</i>	Amazonia Eterna <i>Poetic documentary that presents how the largest tropical rainforest is</i>	For The Generations: Native Story and Performance <i>Contemporary Native</i>
1:30pm		Johnny Be Good					
2:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Ravens and Eagles <i>Portrait of a Mask Maker</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwiten</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Journey of Song</i>	Samaqan Water Stories <i>Akwesasne Part 1</i>	Ravens and Eagles <i>Chiefly Possessions</i>	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>
2:30pm	Native Report	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Vitality Gardening	Storytellers In Motion
3:00pm	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Return of the Buffalo</i>	Vitality Health <i>Fitness Day</i>	Vitality Health <i>Diabetes Management</i>	Vitality Health <i>Spirituality/Creativity</i>	Vitality Health <i>Nutrition Days</i>	Vitality Health <i>Stress Management</i>	Native Nation Building <i>Promoting Entrepreneurs</i>
3:30pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	From The Spirit <i>Kevin Red Star</i>	From The Spirit <i>Preston Singletary</i>	From The Spirit <i>Michael Massie</i>	From The Spirit <i>Laura Lee K. Harris</i>	From The Spirit <i>Andy Everson</i>	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>
4:00pm	When I Hear Thunder <i>The tradition of boxing intact on reservations across Arizona, where young men train in gyms often run by their fathers.</i>	Creative Native <i>The Survivors</i>	Creative Native <i>Distribution of Wealth</i>	Creative Native <i>Symbolism</i>	Creative Native <i>Quotes on a Paper</i>	Storytellers In Motion <i>Our First Lady of Cinema</i>	Making Regalia
4:30pm		GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
5:00pm		Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Myths & Real Truths</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian Pride <i>Economic Development</i>	Storytellers In Motion	Voices Of
5:30pm	Gold Fever <i>Goldcorp Inc arrives in a remote village in Guatemala. Soon follows blown up mountains, despoiled water supplies and broken promises over jobs.</i>	Back In The Day <i>Halfway</i>	Oskayak Down Under	Voices Of	Down The Mighty River <i>The River That Heals</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Indian and Aliens <i>Harry Snowboy</i>
6:00pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indigenous Focus <i>The Reward</i>
6:30pm		Native Report	People of the Pines	Making Regalia	People of the Pines	Make Prayers to the Raven	Dabiyiyuu <i>Seal Hunter</i>
7:00pm	Native Voice TV	We Are The Indians <i>Their ancient spirituality and timeless way of life has shielded them from</i>	Greetings from the Colony <i>A 1920s engagement between a Rwandan woman and a Belgian white colonial bears</i>	Video Letters From Prison <i>A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.</i>	Amazonia Eterna <i>Poetic documentary that presents how the largest tropical rainforest is</i>	For The Generations: Native Story and Performance <i>Contemporary Native</i>	Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>
7:30pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>						
8:00pm	Wapos Bay <i>Guardians</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Hunt</i>	Wapos Bay <i>A Mother's Earth</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Going for Gold</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Raven Power</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Lights, Camera, Action!</i>	Wapos Bay <i>The Hunt</i>
8:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>Batoche Historic Site</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Bear River First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Red Bank First Nation</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Oconalutfee Indian</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Seminole Tribe</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>The Hawaiian Village</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Red Bank First Nation</i>
9:00pm	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS
9:30pm	Native Shorts	Oskayak Down Under	Back In The Day <i>Halfway</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>The Reward</i>	Native Shorts	Indians and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>
10:00pm	The Madoc War <i>The Madoc War of 1872 was one of the costliest American Indian wars in U.S. history.</i>	Video Letters From Prison <i>A heartwarming story about the power of love and family.</i>	Walela <i>An inspirational musical journey of the Spirit. Open your heart to the marvelous</i>	Whaledreamers <i>Heartfelt story of the return of an aboriginal whale.</i>	Smokin' Fish <i>Cory Mann is a quirky Tlingit businessman hustling to make a dollar in Juneau, Alaska.</i>	Incas Remembered <i>People who once ruled half of South America before falling to the Spanish Conquistadors.</i>	Don't Get Sick After June <i>Presents a troubling portrait - and indictment - of the U.S. government's dismal failure.</i>
10:30pm							
11:00pm	We Are The Indians <i>The aboriginal Mbya Guarani have lived deep in the Argentinean forest since the Spanish Conquest.</i>	Spirit Tipis <i>Honoring a structural icon.</i>	Native American Healing in the 21st Century <i>A comprehensive look at healing practices and how many are applicable to today.</i>	California Indian: A Tribal Story	From Badlands to Alcatraz <i>Dr. Nancy Iverson vowed to help restore the well-being of people living on Pine Ridge.</i>	The Young Ancestors <i>A group of teenagers, who along with their mentor, learn their native Tewa.</i>	We Are The Indians <i>The aboriginal Mbya Guarani have lived deep in the Argentinean forest since the Spanish Conquest.</i>
11:30pm							



District 2 Multipurpose Building wins architecture awards

Photo Courtesy of Orcutt | Winslow and the photographer, Bill Timmerman

Mikhail Sundust
Gila River Indian News

Two concrete walls intersect the building on a narrow angle down the middle. From the south entrance they diverge northward to present a view of the San Tan mountains and “Yellow Peak” as only Hashan Kehk can.

The District 2 Multipurpose Building is designed to reflect the identity of the community it serves.

Earth tones wrap around and permeate the building with varying shades of green to represent cacti and browns to represent the desert. Floor-to-ceiling windows welcome natural light and open the space inside. Patterns on the walls mimic those found on a saguaro or in a woven basket.

The D2 community worked closely with architects from Orcutt | Winslow,

providing input on the layout of the community center, colors used and textural elements.

The new facility is a major upgrade from the district’s previous service center, which was a modular building. D2 Coordinator Jeanne Gomez said the community loves it and makes good use of the amenities it offers.

“The [youth] love to come here,” she said, and the elders enjoy their own space in the Elder Center downstairs and appreciate the convenience of being directly connected to the main service center, an elevator ride away.

But, said Gomez, “This building is not just for District 2.” People from all over the Community visit the center for events and recreation activities like Zumba. In 2014, the Community celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Signing

of the Community Water Rights in the newly opened facility gymnasium.

The building was completed in October of 2014 and last year it was recognized by two national organizations for its uniqueness and ingenuity of design.

The American Institute of Architecture gave it the Arizona Distinguished Building Award of Merit and Engineering News-Record’s Southwest region awarded it top prize in the Government/Public Buildings category.

Arviso Okland Joint Venture Projects was the general contractor for the construction of the building, which is owned and managed by GRIC Tribal Projects.

The 35,000 square-foot multipurpose building has space for administrative offices, a fitness center, basketball court, indoor running track, computer lab, classrooms, industrial kitchen and the elders’ center.

The quality of the project is more astounding in light of the challenges faced in its construction. The building design was already in the books and the construction teams were ready to get to work when the budget was suddenly cut by \$4 million.

“We had to go through and do a ton of value engineering just to get that building down to about \$9.9 million, and we did that,” said Tribal Projects’

Howard Reno.

In fact, the final cost was a little under \$9 million, saving the Community an additional \$1 million even after the budget reduction.

Numerous design elements were adjusted for cost, either by swapping out one material for another or reformatting the construction process.

“One example is the concrete walls, the two tilt panels that focus the view towards Yellow Peak,” said architect Stacia Ledesma.

They were originally intended to be built vertically from the ground up, with a very specific look. But to save money they were formed in panels on the ground, stamped and

then tilted up.

“We had to be creative,” said Ledesma, and “offsetting the horizontal pattern of the boards with the vertical pieces just re-emphasized the texture of a basket and cactus. So I think the end result was actually better.”

The group also found cost-savings by changing the materials in the exterior skin of the building as well as in some ceiling panels. While a lot of changes were made to cut costs, the spirit of the project remained the same and the intent of the design was not lost in the final product.



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(adults)

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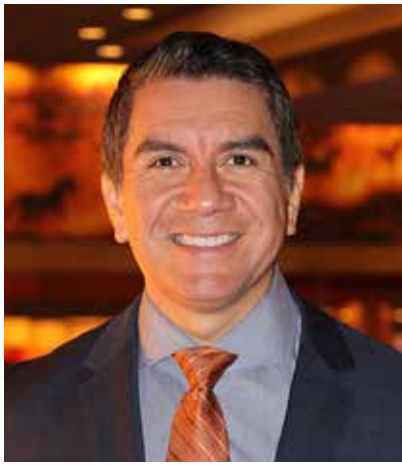
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Kenneth Manuel named one of 25 People to Watch for 2016 by Global Gaming Business Magazine



Global Gaming Business Magazine

Kenneth Manuel, GRGE.

By Roger Gros
Global Gaming Business

The story of tribal government gaming in Arizona is one that brought tribes from rags to riches. But more importantly, the story demonstrates the ability of Native Americans in the state to overcome the disadvantages they may have had growing up to take advantage of the opportunities that gaming provides.

Kenneth Manuel is one of those success stories. When the Gila River Indian Community opened its first casino in the early 1990s, Manuel joined the team as an entry-level employee in the slot department.

“That was a great place to start,” he says. “You get to know what’s important very quickly and also to know the customers. I learned the basics there.”

Manuel started at the first casino opened by Gila River Gaming Enterprises, the Lone Butte Casino, and later held positions at the other two casinos, Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino and Vee Quiva Hotel & Casino.

His current job is a stepping stone to the CEO position, which he will assume when his current program is completed, but Manuel is in no hurry to get there. He is invested in developing leadership for the gaming enterprises and seeing young members of the Gila River Indian Community advance their careers.

“One of the most gratifying programs the gaming enterprise offers is the mentorship program,” he says. “I remember many years back the community wanting to develop this kind of program. This program identifies talented community members and places them in positions where they can learn from a mentor in a specific role. Once the goals have been met, the mentee earns the position they’ve been training for. It’s been part of our business culture for several years.”

Manuel says the gaming business is crucial to the tribe, both as a way to develop talent and to serve the tribal community.

“The revenues our casinos generate go to support programs such as housing, education, health care, social services, just to name a few,” he says. “So our team members are not only working to support themselves and their families, but also working to support a much larger cause, the Gila River Indian Community.”

As such, Manuel says the enterprise keeps an eye on other casinos in the very competitive Phoenix market—including the recent addition of the controversial Desert Diamond West Valley casino in Glendale owned by the Tohono O’odham Nation—but says the Gila River Indian Community is confident in its position.

“Since 1994, we’ve been the industry leader in this area,” he says. “We’re always looking to explore but we always keep the eye on the competition while concentrating on what we do best.”

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Arizona Cardinals highlight partnership with GRIC



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Haskell-Osife Antone Post 51 stands with the colors at University of Phoenix Stadium on Jan. 3.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, Lt. Monica Antone, members of Community Council and the Gila River Gaming Enterprise prior to kick off at University of Phoenix Stadium.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

The Arizona Cardinals may have wrapped up the regular season but the Gila River Indian Community will always be high on their depth chart. Going into their final regular season game on Jan.3, the Cardinals hon-

ored GRIC with a pregame visit to the field and a video presentation. Haskell-Osife Antone Post 51 was also on the field for the presenting of the colors.

“We are proud to have a long lasting relationship with the Arizona Cardinals. Through this partnership, we are able to tell our sto-

ry of the Akimel O’otham and Pee-Posh people,” said Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Gov. Lewis said the Cardinals’ level of community outreach is a huge part of the partnership that doesn’t end at the stadium, but has a deeper commitment.

Tutoring

for K-12 Students

Visit Tribal Education Department tutoring centers at the following locations:

Location	Days	Times
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District 2 Service Center	Monday and Wednesdays	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Casa Grande Union High School C 109 computer lab	Tuesday through Thursday	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The district centers are open for all ages.
Students attending CGUHS tutoring will receive bus passes.

For more information contact:
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Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath

The name for this month references the sprouting of the A'uppa (Cottonwood) trees. During this time of year with the cold frosty nights and shortened days we begin to encounter different animals that seek the warmth of our homes and resources in our yards.

In the early days of our youth we lived in a typical Pima style sandwich house with dirt floors and several storage buildings and had some of our relatives living a stone's throw away. Some of our other relatives lived on farms and ranches and we would often stay with them to help with labor during our winter break from school. Common to these types of home sites are the wild animals they attract. One animal is the nahagio, (deer mouse) that is known to invade seed storage areas and invade homes. Our grandmother always had a good mouser cat to keep nanhagio out of the house. In the storage buildings everything was kept off the ground, especially seeds and feed. Wooden mouse traps were a standard practice. It was the job of us young boys to clear and re-rest the traps on a daily basis.

Another wild animal that is active year-round looking for seeds at night is the thaiwa, (kangaroo rat). We would often see them by flashlight when we would bring chickens into the coop for the night. They weren't afraid of us as they went after what seeds the chickens left behind. One culprit that stole our chickens was chuav, (grey fox) who would often come and steal early in the morning before sun up. Uncle always raised two or three yard dogs that patrolled the farm at night to keep chuav away, but once in awhile he would get lucky. One animal we often encountered walking through the fields was vosho, (cotton rat) which father and our uncles would often hunt and eat. When cleaning the irrigation ditches during the winter months we often encountered the very large ikuish, (muskrat); some of these can grow up to four pounds. We often threw dirt clods at them and chased them into the brush for fun. Father would have to remind us to save our energy for cleaning the ditch, and not play by chasing ikuish away.

Then there is koson, (pack rat) who is still troublesome even today as it sets up their nests inside anything they deem abandoned such as junk cars sitting out in the open. They chew up anything and everything and will steal things too.

This month's word match will focus on the wild animals mentioned above. We encourage you to learn these words and use them in your everyday lives. We also encourage you to watch your abandoned vehicles and buildings for kokson, you'll be able to tell right away if they have taken up residence by the haphazard nest they make using anything they can find.

Auppa I'ivakithak Mashath Match the wild animal with its O'otham name!

vosho

thaiwa

ikuish

chuav

koson

nahagio



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Gila River Indian Community-BIE Sovereignty in Education Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

SIE Grant Summary

The Sovereignty In Education Grant is a grant funded to the Gila River Indian Community by the Bureau of Indian Education to promote tribal control and operation of BIE funded schools on our reservation, the funds are designed to support development of a tribal school reform plan with the goal of improved educational outcomes for students and improved efficiencies and effectiveness in operating and managing our schools. The Gila River Tribal Education Department has completed year one of the grant where we studied the feasibility of carrying out this project. The Tribal Education Department requested and received permission to continue our study for a second year.

As part of our work during this second year, we are focusing on communication and collaboration with all stakeholders. Toward that end we are providing this list of Frequently Asked Questions. As more questions emerge we will continue to add to this list.

• Has the decision already been made and the school systems will change next year?

No. After the reporting of Year I BIE SIE results in Washington DC, the Bureau of Indian Education recognized the need for an additional year of communication and collaboration within the communities undertaking the study.

• Would the GRIC take control of the Grant Schools (BWCS, CBCS, and GCCS) under the One Grant System?

No. The three Grant School boards would merge under one Gila River Community Schools (GRCS) Governing Board. The GRCS Governing Board would be elected by Community mem-

bers and would report to the Gila River Indian Community TED, ESC, and Council regularly.

• If the One Grant System was implemented in the GRIC, would current employees of the Grant Schools be let go or terminated?

No they would not. The only change would be re-assignment of some administrative positions as the data shows keeping the current GRIC Grant School structure would result in redundancy. NO

TEACHERS, PARAPROFESSIONALS OR STAFF MEMBERS WOULD LOSE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE.

• How can parents and Community Members share their opinions on the One Grant System?

In Year I of the BIE SIE Study, surveys were collected garnering opinions on the GRIC Grant Schools from Teachers, Administrators, and Community Members. In year II there will be much more opportunity for everyone to collaborate to improve educational outcomes for students of the GRIC. There will be more surveys collected and reporting of data to districts each month. In addition, the creation of two committees (Governor's Ad Hoc Committee and Curriculum and Steering Committee) require input from teachers, administrators, community members, parents, and council representatives.

• Will the Grant Schools lose funding or will money be diverted to the GRIC for admin costs?

No. The GRIC ESC and Council have been very adamant about there being no loss in funding in any way for each Grant School. Any One Grant implementation plan would have to meet the needs of students at the

current federal funding levels.

• Would academics in the Grant Schools suffer as a result of the One Grant Implementation in the GRIC?

No. Currently, the academic results in the 3 Grant Schools give us all an opportunity to collaborate to create a better way to serve the students of the GRIC. They deserve our best efforts in analyzing ways to help them realize their potential.

• What evidence is there of the One Grant Concept being successfully implemented?

There are several American Indian communities that manage their own schools directly, including some who have implemented the One Grant School Concept. In Year II of the BIE SIE study, GRIC TED, ESC, Council Representatives, and Grant School Board Members will visit American Indian Communities where implementation has taken place to gather information and bring back for analysis for the ESC, GRIC Council, and Community.

• Has the GRIC Tribal Education Department (TED) been working to collaborate with GRIC Grant Schools to get feedback and opinions on the One Grant implementation?

Yes. The GRIC TED has been working to collaborate with all three GRIC Grant Schools since April 2015. The BIE SIE Grant is an opportunity for all stakeholders to study the school systems in place and the results they have produced without bias. It is our duty to the students of the GRIC to study ways to improve outcomes for students in the GRIC.

• Will the change to a One Grant system result in a loss of local control of schools?

As a matter of fact local control of schools will be significant-

ly enhanced. Through the collaborative efforts of the community and based on surveys and feedback from the community, a Site Based Management approach will be employed giving school teachers administrators and parents the opportunity to manage their schools within the structure of the grant.

• When the One Grant Concept is implemented, will the tribe receive and manage all the funds and will they fund schools as they see fit?

The current thinking is that there will be a Tribal School Board. This board would receive the funds and manage schools. It is very possible that under the One Grant system, schools would be allocated more operational funds than they are currently receiving.

• What will be the role of locally directed and locally accountable school boards?

All members of the local community will have the opportunity to be involved in the direction of their local school by actively participating on site councils that will be in place at each school.

• What evidence is there that the One Grant approach produces better academic, social, and or cultural results for students?

The One Grant Concept is a new approach for BIE operated and BIE Funded Schools. Tribes have been asking that their status as the Sovereign Nations they are, be recognized by the United States Government. The BIE recognizes that the current system of operating schools for Indian children have not resulted in quality education for students. We do know the student achievement results our schools have produced are not acceptable. We also recog-

nize that it is not the fault of the teachers or the parents.

Schools have not come together to pool their resources to plan an effective staff development plan, they have not come together to share their student data in an effort to improve instruction across the reservation, they have collaborated on very few endeavors related to increasing student achievement.

• Will increased jobs at TED be funded with DIE Education Funds?

No! The Tribal Education Department is a department of the Gila River Indian Community. The funds for adding staff to the department will come from the community and NOT this BIE Grant.

• Will there be a net loss of funds to the three schools if the One Grant Concept is implemented?

Because of the formulas used to calculate costs associated with the grants, there could be a net loss of funds if the funds came to the tribe but would be insignificant and would not affect the schools. Any potential loss would be in administrative costs and not in operational costs. If funds are granted to GRIC Schools, there would be no loss of funds.

• Will the tribe withhold administrative fees if the One Grant Concept is implemented?

The tribe will not withhold administrative fees. Administration will be directly funded by the grant. The overall costs of administration under the One Grant System will be less than the administrative cost in the current structure

• If the One Grant is imple-

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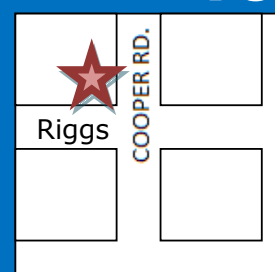
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Community Council Action Sheets Wednesday, January 6, 2016

ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The First Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday January 6, 2016, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:06am

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Joey Whitman, Arzie Hogg; D2-Carol Schurz; D3-

Carolyn Williams, Rodney Jackson; D4- Nada Celaya,

Jennifer Allison, Christopher Mendoza, Angelia Allison;

D5- Brian Davis, Sr., Marlin Dixon (9:21), Robert Stone

(9:21), Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6- Anthony Villareal, Sr.,

Albert Pablo, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBER

Marlin Dixon, District 5 Representative

Presenter: Judge Jay Pedro

ACTING CHIEF JUDGE JAY PEDRO PROVIDED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO MR. MARLIN DIXON

(15-minute reception to follow)

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 15-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9:44 A.M.]

REPORTS

*1. Space Camp

Presenters: J. Kinnamon, Isaiah Francisco
REPORT HEARD

2. 2015 Head Start October Monthly Report

Presenter: Patricia Valenzuela
REPORT HEARD

3. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 2 Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver
REPORT HEARD

4. Gila Crossing Community School Annual Report SY 2014-2015

Presenter: Jeremy Copenhaver
REPORT HEARD

GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE [LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:38 A.M.]

5. GRHC FY15 Tobacco Tax Annual Report

Presenters: Myron G. Schurz, GRHC Representatives
REPORT HEARD

6. Huhugam Heritage Center (HHC), Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant Interim Report

Presenter: Monica King

TABLED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 90-MINUTE LUNCH BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:31 P.M.]

7. Ha-ak Va-ak Intaglio Fencing Project, District 4, Upper Santan Community, Gila River Indian Community

Presenters: Larry Benallie, Barnaby V. Lewis

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Monthly Report – November 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Joseph A. Magliarditi, Board of Directors, Janice Ponziani

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

[LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:51 P.M. AND REMAINED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION]

9. Gila River Gaming Commission General Report To Community Council For November 2015 (Executive Session)

Presenters: Serena Joaquin, Courtney Moyah

REPORT HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-Transferable Fifty

Year Residential/Homesite Lease On Allotment 1054

Located On Allotted Trust Land In District Five Of The Gila River Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Duane Johns

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving Membership Of The

Gila River Indian Community In The National

Indian Gaming Association For Calendar Year

2016 And Authorizing Twenty-Five Thousand

Dollars (\$25,000) For The Community's Annual

Dues (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Community Council with recommendation for

approval)

Presenter: Shannon White

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Approving The Settlement

Payment Of \$250,000 From Wilbur Ellis To The

Gila River Farms (G&MSC motioned to forward

to Community Council with recommendation for

approval; EDSC concurs)

Presenter: Arzie Hogg

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving Supplemental

Agreement No. 21 To Lease-B-GR-61 Between

The Gila River Indian Community, As Lessor,

And Lone Butte Development Corporation, As

Lessee (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Esther Manuel, John Roberts

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Approving A Fifty (50) Year

Homesite Assignment Agreement For Robin

Notah Located In District One Of The Gila River

Indian Reservation And Designated As Drawing

No. 30115-0387 (NRSC forwards to Council with

recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-

Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite

Lease On Allotment 220-A Located On Allotted

Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River

Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Consenting To A Non-

Transferable Fifty Year Residential/Homesite

Lease On Allotment 507-A Located On Allotted

Trust Land In District Four Of The Gila River

Indian Reservation (NRSC forwards to Council

with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Pamela Pasqual

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

1. The Gila River Indian Community Council

Hereby Enacts The Subrogation Ordinance To

Be Codified At Title 8, Chapter 13, Of The Gila

River Indian Community Code (H&SSC motioned

to forward to Council with changes,

recommending approval; LSC concurs with

H&SSC)

Presenter: Linda Sauer

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Appointments (2) - Gila River Gaming Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

AND CERTIFY REBECCA CARPIO

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

AND CERTIFY DEBORAH GRIFFIN

2. Appointment (1) - Gila River Sand & Gravel Board of Directors

Presenters: Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPOINT

AND CERTIFY CAMILLUS NISH

NEW BUSINESS

1. Declaration of Vacancy (1) - Gila River Gaming Commission Gaming Commissioner (Subject to the Code of Conduct - Advertisement for 60-days) Presenters:

Community Council

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DECLARE

ONE VACANCY AND ADVERTISE FOR 60-

DAYS PER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

2. Declaration of Vacancy (1) - Wild Horse Pass

Development Authority Board of Directors

(Subject to the Code of Conduct - Advertisement

for 60-days)

Presenters: Community Council

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2 3. Draft Language for Letter to State Bar (LSC forwards

to Community Council with corrections) Presenter: Os-

born Maledon

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO FILE WITH

THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA TO DO AN

INVESTIGATION ON MR. HERRERA'S

CONDUCT

3 4. Indigenous Alliance; Indigenous Peoples Day

Campaign (CRSC forwards to Council for discussion and

possible action)

Presenter: Jose Matus

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DIRECT

THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO

COMPLETE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT

INDIGENOUS ALLIANCE WITHOUT BORDERS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4 5. TED Cohort Program Special Audit Report

(Executive Session) (G&MSC motioned to

forward to Community Council in Executive

Session)

Presenters: Robert Keller, William Tye

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 6. Head Start Special Audit (Executive

Session) (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Community Council in Executive Session; ESC

forwards to Community Council)

Presenters: Robert Keller, William Tye

ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION MADE AND SECOND REGARDING

TED COHORT PROGRAM SPECIAL AUDIT

REPORT; LAW OFFICE REVIEW THE AUDIT

TO DETERMINE IF CRIMINAL AND/OR CIVIL

PROSECUTION IS WARRANTED, ALSO TO

DETERMINE IF REPAYMENT OF FUNDS IS

WARRANTED FOR TEN (10) STUDENTS WHO

RECEIVED REFUNDS FROM TUITION AT

SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE,

THAT THEY WERE NOT ENTITLED

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO

RECOMMEND THAT REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

BE PURSUED FOR THE TWENTY (20)

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED FUNDS WHO

WERE INELIGIBLE, DISQUALIFIED OR DID

NOT MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

OF THE PROGRAM; FURTHER WE

RECOMMEND THE EDUCATION

STANDING COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH THE

TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,

CONDUCT A FULL REVIEW OF THE HIGHER

EDUCATION POLICY, SPECIFICALLY, THE

ASSESSMENT OF THE FINANCIAL NEEDS

ANALYSIS (FNA) PROCESS

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RELEASE

THIS AUDIT TO THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

MOTION MADE AND SECOND REGARDING

HEAD START SPECIAL AUDIT; LAW OFFICE

REVIEW THIS AUDIT TO DETERMINE IF

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Designer Cher Thomas Will Share More Than Just Fashion Sense in 2016

Native American fashion designer Cher Thomas (Gila River Akimel O'odham/Cocopah) introduces Cher Shares, a charitable program associated with her fashion label.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY - As the New Year chimes in, a new era for Gila River Indian Community-based Cher Thomas Designs also begins. "I'm most excited to read the proposals!" Cher Thomas (Gila River Akimel O'odham/Cocopah) exclaims when asked which facet of running a non-profit she looks forward to the most. "I just want to help people," she states. Fashion designer Cher Thomas of Cher Thomas Designs has changed her business to be less like Tom Ford, and more like Tom Shoes. The Cher Shares program is an extension of Cher Thomas Designs, which enables the designer to share her profits and her personal experiences navigating the fashion industry with established non-profit and educational programs. Cher Thomas Designs is a fashion label started by Thomas that creates traditional regalia for O'odham and Yuman natives and an annual contemporary collection. Her designs have been featured in magazines and runways around the world, most notably, the Melbourne Fashion Week's Indigenous Runway Project in Melbourne, Australia and the 2015 Indigenous Music Awards' Red Carpet in Canada. After four years in business, "I am taking a portion of my profits and using them to fuel the Cher Shares pro-

gram," says Thomas. Cher Shares is a philanthropic endeavor that is dedicated to community improvement, helping non-profit organizations, and educational programs raise funds or educate young people about Native American culture and the misappropriation of indigenous culture by the fashion industry, according to the designer's website about the program. The Cher Shares program will be in full swing starting on January 1, 2016; when established non-profit organizations and educational programs can start submitting grant proposals for the first round of grants given away by Cher Thomas Designs. Academic Institutions and conference organizers may also begin collaborating with the Akimel O'odham fashion designer on creating an exciting interactive experience for students throughout 2016. "I want to help teach our young people the importance of leadership and entrepreneurship in Indian Country. It is possible to follow your heart, turn your dreams into a reality AND give back to your community. And I am here to share exactly how I am doing just that!" For more information, please visit: www.cherthomasdesigns.com/cher-shares or email chershares@cherthomasdesigns.com

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mented, who will be accountable for compliance with audit requirements, IDEA requirements, and other legal and regulatory requirements?

GRIC Schools would be responsible for compliance with all IDEA, financial and legal and regulatory requirements.

• How does the One Grant impact the federal trust responsibility for the education of Indian children?

There is absolutely no change in the federal trust responsibility for the education of Indian children. In fact the federal government is recognizing each tribe's right to make decisions regarding the education of its children. The federal trust responsibilities remain intact.

YEAR II OF THE BIE SIE

The Bureau of Indian Education changed the process for the One Grant Implementation Feasibility Study for American Indian Communities undertaking the research. Previously, the BIE wanted grantees to have a completed Implementation Plan ready for enactment in Year II of the Grant. Issues surfaced during the Year I reporting process that led the BIE to include a buffer year for communication and collaboration.

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA
FLOYD D. TOLEDO, JR.
Plaintiff,
Vs.
TERESA ANN BLACKWATER
Defendant.
TO: Floyd D. Toledo, Jr.
5008 E. Thomas Rd, #512
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Case Number: DV-2015-0165
NOTICE OF HEARING: Civil
Please take notice that your Motion

Year II of the BIE SIE Study will be focused on collaboration within the GRIC to achieve a couple aims. First, more data and information must be processed and shared in order to provide stakeholders an opportunity to make decisions in the best interests of students in the GRIC. Secondly, an executable One Grant Implementation Plan must be completed by the end of Year II. At the end of Year II, the GRIC Council will decide if the Community wishes to move on to full implementation in Year III by Tribal Resolution.

For questions and concerns feel free to contact the Gila River Tribal Education Director, Mr. Isaac Salcido at 520.562.3662 or Isaac.Salcido@gric.nsn.us

Resources:
http://www.bie.edu/cs/groups/xbie/documents/document/idcl-02_7407.pdf
<https://www.federal-register.gov/articles/2014/07/24/2014-17397/sovereignty-in-indian-educationgrant-program#h-6>
<http://blog.nativepartnership.org/bie-schools-sovereignty-in-indian-education/>

Hearing has been scheduled in the Gila River Indian Community Court. This matter has been scheduled at the place and time set forth below:
Sacaton Community Court
721 West Seed Farm Road
Sacaton, Arizona 85147
(520) 562-9860
DATED: Friday, January 22, 2016
TIME: 9:00AM
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Gila River Indian Community in the State of Arizona.

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CIVIL/ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION IS WARRANTED; FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S HEAD START PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH FILES FOR EACH EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FUNDING FOR CONTINUED EDUCATION MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO RECOMMEND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND RECONCILE ALL HEAD START PROGRAM EMPLOYEES WITH ACCOUNTS AND SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS PAID TO THE INSTITUTION BY GRIC; FINALLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS AUDIT BE REVIEWED BY THE LAW OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE IF ANY PERSONNEL ACTION IS WARRANTED MOTION MADE AND SECOND THE AUDIT BE TURNED OVER TO THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR
6 7. Sun Valley Marina Corporation Business Plan (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for a Special Meeting On February 4th and 5th 2016)
Presenters: Dale Gutenson, Tom Bechtel, WHP Board
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2016,

9:00AM, COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7 8. SWIAA 28th Annual Conference Delegation Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND FOR INTERESTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. Glendale Impact (Executive Session)
Presenter: Treasurer Robert Keller
ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO SUPPORT THE TREASURER IN RECEIVING DAILY INFORMATION; AND DIRECT THE GAMING ENTERPRISE TO COOPERATE WITH THE TREASURER; AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT 90-DAYS
MINUTES
1. September 16, 2015 (Regular)
APPROVED
ANNOUNCEMENTS
>CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED REGARDING RUMORS ABOUT GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS
>PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE FORHENKAM FAMILY
ADJOURNMENT
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:43PM
* Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

MEDIA ADVISORY PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Search begins with Open Public Forums, Jan. 12 & 14

WHAT: Community members will have the opportunity to provide input on what they would like to see in a new superintendent at three Open Forums, January 12 and 14. The forums will be conducted by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, an executive search firm hired by the Phoenix Union Governing Board. A first step in the search process is to identify the characteristics the community and Board will be seeking in a superintendent.

In addition, an online survey will be available for stakeholder input at www.phoenixunion.org from January 11 to January 21.

Dr. Chad Gestson is currently the interim superintendent, taking over for Dr. Kent Scribner, who left Phoenix Union in October to lead Fort Worth (TX) Independent School District. WHEN: Tuesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 14, 7-8 p.m.

WHERE: Tuesday: Cesar Chavez High School, Rm. 5104 3921 W. Baseline Road, Laveen

Thursday: Alhambra High School, Lecture Hall 3839 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix
Thursday: Metro Tech High School, Lecture Hall 1900 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix

WHO: Community members, students, staff, parents invited. Search consultant representatives.

CONTACT: PUHSD Community Relations: Craig Pletenik (602) 764-1530

Auppa P'ivakithak Mashath Match the wild animal with its O'otham name! SOLUTION!

<i>vosho</i>	
<i>thaiwa</i>	
<i>ikuish</i>	
<i>chuav</i>	
<i>koson</i>	
<i>nahagio</i>	

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71st Anniversary Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Military parade and flyover
to begin at 8:30AM.

Ceremonies to follow at the
Matthew B. Juan, Ira H. Hayes
Veteran's Memorial Park in Sacaton, AZ
Public and veterans are welcome.

*Luncheon hosted by American Legion Auxiliary
Unit No. 84 with St. Peter Church and School.
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Post No. 84 and Auxiliary Unit 84.*

**Saturday,
February 20, 2016**



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